

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21 and 40 to read as follows.

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21. (Amended) A valve assembly for a hospital bed including:
a manifold block having an inlet, an outlet configured to connect to a device for positioning the bed, and a conduit in fluid communication with the inlet and with the outlet;
a valve having a portion movable within the conduit between a first position inhibiting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet, and a second position permitting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;
a lever connected to the valve to permit manual movement of the valve between the first and the second positions, the lever being located entirely outside the conduit; and
a solenoid connected directly to the valve to move the valve between the first and second positions independent of the lever in response to an electrical input to the solenoid.

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40. (Amended) A valve assembly for a support device, including:
a manifold having an inlet, an outlet configured to connect to a device for positioning the support device, and a conduit in fluid communication with the inlet and the outlet;
a valve having a portion movable within the conduit between a first position inhibiting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet, and a second position permitting fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;
an actuator connected to the valve to permit manual movement of the valve between the first and the second positions, the actuator being located entirely outside the conduit; and
a solenoid connected directly to the valve to move the valve between the first and second positions independent of the actuator in response to an electrical input to the solenoid.

Please add claims 41-53.

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41. (New) A valve assembly including:
a valve having a portion movable between a first position and a second position;

a lever connected to the valve to permit manual movement of the valve between the first and the second positions; and

a solenoid connected to the valve to move the valve between the first and second positions independent of the lever in response to an electrical input to the solenoid.

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42. (New) The valve assembly of claim 41, further including an input and an output and the valve, when in the first position, inhibits fluid communication between the input and the output.

43. (New) The valve assembly of claim 42, wherein the valve, when in the second position permits fluid communication between the input and the output.

44. (New) The valve assembly of claim 41, further including an input and an output and the input is in fluid communication with a fluid source.

45. (New) The valve assembly of claim 41, further including an input and an output and the output is in fluid communication with hydraulic device.

46. (New) The valve assembly of claim 45, wherein the hydraulic device is a hydraulic cylinder.

47. (New) A valve assembly including:
a first valve having a portion movable between a first position and a second position;

a second valve having a portion movable between a first position and a second position;

a lever connected to the valve to permit manual movement of each of the first and second valves between the first and the second positions;

a first solenoid connected to the first valve to move the first valve between the first and second positions independent of the lever in response to an electrical input to the first solenoid; and

a second solenoid connected to the second valve to move the second valve between the first and second positions independent of the lever in response to an electrical input to the second solenoid.